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discarded the antiquated literary language and given official sanction to the use of the popular form of speech.

It is to be regretted that the selections for reading which occupy over half of the whole work are printed in three columns, running across the page, so that the book must be handled in the most inconvenient way. There seems no good reason for printing a transcribed text beside the original and the translation throughout the whole two hundred pages. A transcription of the first fifty pages ought to be sufficient, though the vowel signs might be introduced in the original text for the remainder.

The grammar proper is, of course, short, since modern Persian enjoys a grammatical system of about the same simplicity as English. An English-Persian vocabulary of about one hundred pages forms the third part of the book. It is safe to say that for the precise purpose in view, Dr. Rosen's book is the best in existence.

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KLUGE'S DIE SCHRIFT DER MYKENIER.¹

The brilliant and scholarly demonstration by Mr. A. J. Evans in 1894-5 of the existence of pre-Phoenician systems of writing in the Ægean region has proved a fatal source of temptation to Herr H. Kluge. This gentleman has undertaken the task of deciphering the inscriptions in question, and by a series of assumptions has succeeded in eliciting words and sentences, making a gibberish which bears some resemblance to Greek. The performance does not merit serious and detailed criticism. The problem which Herr Kluge has incompetently attempted to solve still awaits its Champollion.

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PUBLICATIONS OF THE GRATZ COLLEGE.²

By the last will of Mr. Hyman Gratz, of Philadelphia, a trust estate was created, in the year 1893, for the establishment and support of a college for the education of Jews residing in the city and county of Philadelphia.

Before coming to a final conclusion regarding the character and scope of such a college, the board of trustees resolved that meanwhile a series of lectures upon topics of Jewish interest be given during the year 1895-6, and consequently several scholars from abroad and of this country were invited to deliver a number of lectures of this series.

The volume of publications before us contains, in the first place, the "Memoir of Hyman Gratz," by Moses A. Dropsie, Esq., and the first report

¹ DIE SCHRIFT DER MYKENIER. Eine Untersuchung über System und Lautwert der von Arthur J. Evans entdeckten vorphönizischen Schriftzeichen. Von H. Kluge. Mit 4 Schrifttafeln und 80 Abbildungen und Reproduktionen von Inschriften. Cöthen: Verlag von Otto Schultze, 1897. viii + 111 pp. M. 8.

² PUBLICATIONS OF THE GRATZ COLLEGE. Vol. I. Philadelphia: Press of Levetttype Company, 1897. Published by the College. ix + 204 pp.